

Brooklyn, December 3rd 1847, Friday

My dear Mr. May

As I have nothing of importance to say to you, I cannot decline the offer made me by Miss Carpenter of enclosing a line to you in her letter. I have enclosed a fair copy of the "Answer" to the Invitation, which I had inserted in the Inquirer, prepared by a little introduction to make the thing clear.

The "Inquirer" I fear you must consider as lost to the cause of the genuine Abolitionists. The Editors ^{regard it as} consider it as Anti Slavery, but it is decidedly Anti Garrison. D. W. B. Carpenter, I regret to say, was very much opposed to the "Answer" considering it plain, sincere, & honest, dogmatical, disrespectful, & written in an impudently tone & he is likely to influence many others. Still, I am very glad we recovered, notwithstanding the disapproval of many friends.

I copied from your last letter of Nov. 12th (gathered by the Nov. 1st Packet) what you said to of Messrs. Elliot & the (Capt.) & sent it to Mr. Tappan. He thinks you have greatly wronged Mr. Elliot, & that your remarks indicate the uncharitable & intolerant spirit so constantly exhibited by the Am. Abol. A. T. is rather a vain, but a good natured man: fond of literary (especially belles lettres) pursuits, than of philanthropic movements. He is fond of society, & continues to receive a great number of Christian Ministers here have the opportunity, in general, of doing this work has a good fortune, & in London, & in other places, a man's religious opinions are canvassed by certain sections of educated Society.

I am looking forward anxiously to the arrival of our "Answer" by the packet that left you on the day before yesterday.

in the Lib. of Nov. 12th, the notice of the French to the Society of English Abolitionists. (Doubtless you have seen it.)

"Sketch from Maryland Life" in the last "Lib. Bell," can be depended upon for perfect accuracy of statement? No. Oh, I did not think it would have been there if untrue. The account of Douglass's new press &c. is

The ~~second~~ of Douglass's new proof 2.9. is now being sent to the subscribers to his Testimonial; it is extracted from a letter of his dated "Lynn Nov 1" to Mrs Ann M. B. O'Carroll of Cambridge.

I have not found Anti-Slavery people here willing to contribute to the French translation of the Language. From private friends of our work I have procured a quantity of the 5th -

For some time right in passing how anxious I have
been to see you, how Mr. G. was, and truly so rejoiced in his recovery.

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The cause of the genuine West-
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 of the people of the
 West-India.

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Offers him the sincerest regards & affectionate interest of my daughter
Miss Kate S. K. Parker & myself.

With every kind wish for yours & family I am very dear
 Sir, sincerely yours J. B. Lathin

I am obliged to you & Mr. J. May for the interesting sermon
of the letter.

her letter will inclose a circular receipt